

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF  
ARKANSAS

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
and ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
Plaintiffs

v.

GEORGIA PACIFIC CHEMICALS, LLC,  
and GEORGIA PACIFIC CONSUMER  
OPERATIONS, LLC  
Defendants

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Case No. 1:18-cv-01076-SOH

**AMENDED SECOND JOINT STATUS REPORT REGARDING LODGED CONSENT  
DECREE**

Pursuant to the July 26, 2019 Order of Chief Judge Susan O. Hickey, Plaintiffs, the United States of America, on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, and with the concurrence of counsel for Settling Defendants Georgia Pacific Chemicals, LLC and Georgia Pacific Consumer Operations, LLC (collectively “Parties”), submitted a Joint Status Report on August 2, 2019, regarding how the Parties wished to proceed (ECF No. 8).

The Parties advised the Court regarding their negotiations to amend the lodged Consent Decree and that the United States expected to file an amended Consent Decree no later than December 1, 2019. Negotiations have been productive, but the Parties need additional time to complete their discussions and finalize the amended Consent Decree. The Parties desire to complete these negotiations as soon as practicable, and the United States now expects to lodge

the amended Consent Decree with the Court no later than February 3, 2020. The Parties intend to fully resolve the allegations contained in Plaintiffs' Complaint (ECF No. 1) by the amended Consent Decree.

Upon lodging of the amended Consent Decree, the United States would publish public notice of the amended Consent Decree in the Federal Register and solicit public comments. Once the comments have been received and reviewed by the United States, and assuming the comments do not warrant a reconsideration of the terms, the United States would then expect to move the Court for entry of the amended Consent Decree.

Under these circumstances, the Parties request that the Court take no action with regard to this case until the amended Consent Decree can be lodged and submitted for approval. The Parties are available for a telephone conference should the Court have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on November 26, 2019, a copy of the foregoing “Amended Second Joint Status Report Regarding Lodged Consent Decree” was filed electronically with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system. I also certify that I have served this filing to counsel for Defendants, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid to non CM/ECF participants:

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